

Remarks

The Office has alleged that the present application discloses three distinct species.

In the previous response, the applicants canceled claims 8 and 9. In this response, new claims 72 and 73 have been introduced. There is no fee required for the addition of these two claims.

Claim 72 and 73 overcome the rejections set forth against claims 8 and 9 in the May 17, 2003 Official Communication.

The applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office's position that the application discloses three unrelated species. However, in the interest of furthering prosecution since this application has been pending for almost 4 years, the applicant is submitting an election.

In response to the Official Communication, the applicant elects Species A for further prosecution and states that the currently pending claims, as amended, are readable on this Species.

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Conclusion

The applicant has been fully responsive to the Official Communication by electing a species and identifying the claims that are readable on the species.

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